



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.118
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3679

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | Art Unit: 3679 |
| Yasunori YOKOTA |) | Examiner: N. AMIRI |
| Appln. No.: 10/782,888 |) | Washington, D.C. |
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Customer Service Window
Randolph Building, Mail Stop AF
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated March 9, 2006,
kindly amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.